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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

BECKER et al.

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Filed: November 24, 2000

Examiner: Ardin H. Marschel

For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PREDICTING AMINO ACID SEQUENCES
COMPATIBLE WITH A SPECIFIED THREE DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURE**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2003. The three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on August 8, 2003. A three month Petition for Extension of Time and fee are attached hereto, extending the period for reply to November 10, 2003. In view of the following remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections, and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the captioned application as follows: